were moving from Faizabad to Ayodhya, these were sent back by the local authorities who said that their orders were that no use of force should be resorted to; the forces had to return to camp at about 2.15 p.m.

According to available reports, effective action was not taken by the local police. On the other hand, Kar Sewaks were allowed to block the access routes to the RJB-BM complex by using various kinds of materials such as iron poles and overturned trolleys. All the railway crossings between Ayodhya and Darshan Nagar were blocked by the Kar Sewaks. As a result of the total absence of protection by the local police, and the State authorities not allowing the Central forces to reach the spot despite repeated requests from the Union Home Minister and Home Secretary, the RJB-BM structure was completely demolished.

The situation in the RJB-BM complex was very sensitive; over 2,00,000 Kar Sewaks were still present in Ayodhya and many of them were in a defiant or agitated mood. It was decided to move the Central forces in the night of 7 and 8 December, 1992 so as to use minimum force. Action was taken accordingly, and the RJB-BM area was quickly secured. The movement of Kar Sewaks out of Ayodhya was also expedited by running special trains. The situation was rapidly brought under control.

Reportedly, after demolition of the RJB-BM structure, the Kar Sewaks were able to level the ground, remove the debris and construct platform to reinstall the idols. Subsequently, a wall was constructed and a canopy was put up on the idols.

Biographies of Cellular Jail, victims

4110. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to publish and maintain a complete documented record in the museum at Port Blair, in respect of the biographies of sufferers of the Cellular Jail in Port Blair during the freedom movement; and

(b) what is the extent to which these records are available and in respect of how many sufferers and the names of persons for whom such records are not available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Removing the congestion in Jangpura and Bhopal, New Delhi

4111. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4476 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what steps Government have taken so far to remove the increasing congestion of rehriwalas creating traffic and law and order problems and insanitary conditions in the Suman Bazar and Central Road of Jangpura and Bhopal areas of New Delhi;

(b) what steps have so far been taken for the removal of the projections/extensions of shops on both sides of the roads covering foot paths and for widening of the roads in the area;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the implementation of steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that rehriwalas on the roads in the area have been rehabilitated a number of times, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to solve the present problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that raids are organised from time to time to remove the reharies and unauthorised squatters. The Delhi Police has also been taking action under the Delhi Police Act against encroachments by shopkeepers. Regular patrolling by traffic police is done in the area and vehicles found parked illegally and improperly are being prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act. As result of constant watch on illegal and improper parking of vehicles, there has been an improvement in clearing roads.

(d) MCD has stated that no such rehabilitation has been undertaken by it.

(e) Both MCD and Delhi Police are taking regular action against unauthorised squatters and encroachers.

Periodical check up of traffic policemen in Delhi

4112. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traffic policemen standing at various crossings in Delhi are more affected by the air pollution coming from the vehicles on the roads as reported in the Times of India of November 21, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangements in hospitals or in health centres for the periodical check up of such policemen in Delhi; and in other cities;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what instructions Government have issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) The Delhi Police has reported that a study conducted by Central Road Research Institute on behalf of Delhi Traffic Police in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to access the effects of environmental pollution on the health of traffic policemen in Delhi has revealed that the health of traffic policemen working constantly in adverse and extreme environmental conditions is affected, both in the short and the long run, in the form of ill effects on his health and efficiency.

On the recommendation of the study conducted by Central Road Research Institute, the Delhi Police is taking the following steps:—

(i) Introduction of gas mask for personnel serving at heavily polluted inter-sections.

(ii) Rotation of traffic policemen in such a manner as to ensure that they do not remain posted at a polluted traffic intersection beyond a specific period of time.

(iii) Free medical check up of traffic policemen.

A continuous research study to assess the ill effects of pollution on the health of traffic policemen has also been taken up with the help of the Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi University. The Institute has started the examination and treatment (wherever necessary) of traffic staff.

Transport Department of Delhi Administration has been implementing a Plan Scheme 'Control of Air Pollution from the Exhaust of Motor Vehicles'. Under the scheme, the vehicle owners have to obtain Pollution Control Check Certificates for their vehicles according to their registration numbers as per a prescribed time-schedule.